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PRIORITY

On my instructions Colonels McCormick and Martin called on Colonel Enrique Parrinello, Guatemalan Chief of Staff, said evacuation of American citizens was under consideration and asked:

1. Whether army possessed sufficient forces in Guatemala City to insure law and order, and

2. Whether it was true that Communist Deputy Carlos Manuel Pellecer had been appointed chief of civil defense?

Parrinello looked concerned, left office and, returning four minutes later, said President Arbenz had authorized him give following replies:

1. Army forces in city, though small, were sufficient to guarantee safety; he expected in near future there would be 7,000 reservists on duty, uniformed and equipped, and

2. Pellecer had not been appointed civil defense chief.

Parinello looked haggarded and obviously extremely weary. As attaches left they asked if Zacapa had fallen; Parrinello said it had not.

I will make definite recommendations re evacuation tomorrow.

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Note: Mr. Fisher (MID) notified 6-27-54 6:30 a.m. CWO/FMH

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PRIORITY

First American casualty in current conflict reported to be Mrs. Carp Bretscher wounded in arm. She was travelling by train with group of Lutheran missionaries from Zacapa en route Guatemala City.

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Miss Walsch (SOS) informed 6/26/54 3:45 p.m. MG

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